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TAGS: MARR, MILI
SUBJECT: USE OF APO FACILITIES BY RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL

REF: YOUR 121340 Z APR 73

1. INFORMATION REPORTED BY REFTEL IS INCORRECT. DECISION TO TERMINATE PARCEL MAIL PRIVILEGE OF RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL WAS NOT TAKEN BY EMBASSY, BUT BY GOVERNMENT OF IRAN. AS REPORTED BY TEHRAN 1594, WHICH BEING REPEATED TO YOU AND INFO ADDRESSEES WHO DID NOT RECEIVE IT, STATUS OF RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL IN APO WAS ILLEGAL UNDER APPLICABLE IRANIAN REGULATIONS AND APO REGULATIONS DATED JANUARY 23, 1973. EMBASSY RAISED THIS MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY IN LATE FEBRUARY AND WAS INFORMED THAT PARCEL MAIL PRIVILEGE MUST BE TERMINATED. MINISTRY ALLOWED NINETY DAYS FROM MARCH 1 FOR DELIVERY OF MAIL THAT WAS ENROUTE. LETTER MAIL PRIVILEGE EXEMPTED FROM MINISTRY' S RULING.

2. ARMISH/ MAAG, AND EUCOM SUPPORT ACTIVITY WERE KEPT IN-
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FORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AFTER EMBASSY MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY. SUBJECT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED WITH APO PERSONNEL AND SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF RETIRED MILITARY COMMUNITY. ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY DECISION ON TERMINATION OF ALL RETIRED PRIVILEGES WAS TAKEN ON FEBRUARY 26, WE MADE APPEAL FOR LETTER MAIL AND FINAL RULING WAS NOT ISSUED UNTIL MARCH 8. ANNOUNCEMENT TO RETIRED PERSONNEL WAS ISSUED MARCH 10. WORDING OF ANNOUNCEMENT WAS COORDINATED WITH SENIOR APO REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT. AT HIS SUGGESTION POST MARK CUTOFF DATE WAS SET FOR INCOMING PACKAGES. DATE OF APRIL 20, 1973, ESTABLISHED BY EMBASSY AND ARMISH/ MAAG. PRIVILEGE OF SENDING AND RECEIVING PARCELS RUNS UNTIL MAY 31 IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTIVE.

3. EMBASSY ENJOYS EXCELLENT COOPERATION WITH HARD WORKING AND EFFICIENT STAFF OF LOCAL APO DETACHMENT. IT IS REGRETTABLE YOUR HQS WAS NOT INFORMED EARLIER OF IRANIAN GOVERNMENT DECISION. WE WILL BE PLEASED IN FUTURE TO SEND YOU COPIES OF SIGNIFICANT DOCUMENTS BEARING ON APO OPERATIONS.
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